

MYSORE CITY MUNICIPALITY.

EXTRACT FROM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE 23RD (ORDINARY) MEETING OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, MYSORE, HELD IN THE NEW MUNICIPAL OFFICE BUILDINGS, ON SATURDAY THE 7TH MARCH 1925 AT 4 P.M.

Members.

Present ... 24. Absent ... 6.

214. Proceedings of the meetings held on the 22nd and 24th January 1925.

Confirmed.

217. Vital statistics for December 1924.

Recorded. The Health Officer was requested to prepare for the information of the Council a note on the heavy mortality due to consumption in the City.

218. Proceedings of the following Committees for January 1925 :—

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| 1. Managing Committee. | Confirmed. |
| 2. Health Committee. | |
| 3. Schools Committee. | |

220. Statement of house building licenses for January 1925.

Recorded. The Council desired that the cause of delay should be noted in case of old applications.

235. (1) Letter No. P. W. 1676, dated 5th December 1924, from the Secretary to Government, Public Works and Electrical Departments re the annual maintenance and improvement charges of the Mysore City Water Supply Works.

(2) Government Proceedings No. L. 3242-46—Ml. 181-24-3, dated 22nd January 1925 stating that as regards the maintenance charges of the Mysore City Water Supply, the order of 19th April 1923 requiring the Council to bear the whole charges will be enforced from 1st July 1925 and that no further delay will be allowed.

The Council are conscious of the urgent necessity for improving and extending the City Water Supply Works to meet the growing demands of the City; but they very much regret that under the present financial condition of the Municipality, it is impossible to take over the capital expenditure required for such improvements and extensions. Resolved therefore that Government be requested not to treat the capital expenditure on the works as a loan to the Municipality.

Re maintenance charges, the Council desire that every effort should be made by the Water Supply Department to reduce expenses, especially electric power charges which should be at the minimum rate allowed by the Electrical Department, or as near the actual cost of supply as possible.

The question of finding ways and means as to how best the deficit in the maintenance charges may be covered—whether by raising the water-rate or by levying fees on house-connections or by combination of both is referred to a Committee consisting of the President, the Executive Engineer, Water Supply Division, the Superintendent, Vani Vilas Water Works, Messrs. A. Krishna Rao, C. Narasimhaiah and M. Rameswamy, for report by the 15th March 1925, and the same may be placed before the Council for consideration at a special meeting to be held on the 20th March 1925.

236. Construction of Vani Vilas Market on the Vani Vilas Road at an estimated cost of Rs. 71,500.

The scheme outlined in the President's memoranda dated 19th January 1925 and 21st January 1925 was approved and it was resolved that the Government should be requested for permission to utilise for the construction of the new market a sum of Rs. 70,000 out of the loan of Rs. 2 lakhs sanctioned by Government in Proceedings No. L. 1897-9—Ml. 58-22-5, dated 7th September 1923.

It was also resolved that the market site originally selected on Vani Vilas Road, with the structures thereon, be disposed of and made available for the construction of houses.

237. Letter No. St. 840, dated 17th December 1924, from the Inspector-General of Education in Mysore, Bangalore, appealing for contribution from Municipal Funds towards the cost of a Trophy to be instituted for competition in Ambulance work by teams of Scouts from all parts of India.

The Council regret that their resources do not permit of making any contribution.

238. Appointment of Attendance Officer as a member of the Schools Committee.

Approved.

239. Schools Committee Resolution No. VI dated 31st January 1925 approving of the entertainment of an additional teacher for the Krishnaraj Primary School.

Approved, subject to the sanction of Government.

240. Schools Committee Resolution No. VIII of 31st January 1925 approving of the entertainment of an additional teacher for the Mandi Ahamadia School.

Approved, subject to the sanction of Government.

241. Estimate for Rs. 580 for installing Muszid Road in Krishnaraj Mohalla.

Sanctioned.

242. Letter No. 1790, dated 10th June 1924 from the Executive Engineer, Water Supply Division, forwarding plans and estimate for Rs. 7,608 for constructing a balancing tank near the Forest Lodge at Mysore, to improve the condition of water supply in the Dodda Holagari and Weavers' Line Extensions, and the Chief Officer's note thereon.

Resolved that the subject be referred to the Trust Board for kindly getting the work executed, as these extensions were laid out by the Board.

243. Estimate for Rs. 2,248 for providing a public tap near Komminah's Chattram at the foot of the Chamundi Hills.

Sanctioned.—The work may be taken up during the current year if possible.

244. Letter No. 1227, dated 30th December 1924, from the Executive Engineer, Special Water-Supply Construction Division, Bangalore, forwarding an estimate for Rs. 710 for improving the combined septic tank and latrine near the Mandy Market, Mysore.

Approved.

245. Letter No. 997, dated the 19th January 1925 from the Sub-Division Officer, Mysore Sub-Division re the election of two members by the Mysore City Municipal Council to sit on the Licensing Board, Mysore City.

Resolved that Dhanaprakas Mr. D. Ramminah and Rev. E. S. Edwards elected by the Council, be returned as members of the Licensing Board.

246. Letter No. 1188, dated 23rd January 1925 from the Chairman, City Improvement Trust Board, Mysore, re the election of two Municipal Councillors to serve as Trustees of the Board.

Resolved that Messrs. Mahomed Sait and K. Dhanakotichetty elected by the Council be returned as members of the Trust Board.

247. Letter dated 19th January 1925 from Mr. S. Ramachandra Rao, Assistant Surgeon, claiming charge and conveyance allowances for the period he was temporarily placed in charge of the duties of the Health Officer, Mysore City.

Resolved that a conveyance allowance of Rs. 50 a month be granted to Mr. S. Ramachandra Rao, for the period he was in charge of the duties of the Health Officer.

248. Report from the Committee appointed in Council's Resolution No. 183 of the 15th December 1924 regarding the increase of establishment and medicine charges of the Krishnaraj Mohalla Karnatic Dispensary.

Resolved that the undermentioned recommendations of the Committee be approved:—

1. Fixing the pay of the Pandit at Rs. 35-5/2-50 giving the first increment now.
2. Adoption of the scale of pay granted to compounders in the Government hospital, viz., Rs. 10, 12, 15, 18, 20, 22, 25, promotions being given once in three years.
3. Enhancement of the grant of monthly medicine charges from Rs. 15 to Rs. 30.
4. Entertainment of the services of a peon on Rs. 8 a month.
5. Supply of furniture required.

249. Report from the Committee appointed in Council's Resolution No. 184 of the 15th December 1924, regarding the increase of pay of the Senior Hakim of the Indigenous Hospital (Unani Branch), Mysore.

Resolved that Committee's proposal to raise the pay of the Hakim to Rs. 80 per month be approved. Reference may be made to the Senior Surgeon in the matter of paying two-thirds of the increased pay from the medical budget.

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251. President's Memo dated 20th January 1925 on the appeal preferred by H. Hiranniah, Octroi Manegar, against the order of the Chief Officer, dismissing the Manegar from Municipal service.

The Council see no sufficient reason to interfere with the order of dismissal.

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254. Petition dated 16th February 1925 from Mr. Siddalinga Swamy praying for the free grant of site measuring 12" x 12" in the Lingayat Burial Ground for constructing a

gaddige over the grave of the late Gura Sri Sachidananda Nanjunda Siva Yogindra Swamigal.

Resolved that permission be given to construct a gaddige on a plot measuring 12" X 12" and that the application to enclose the same and make a garden be recommended to Government.

255. Representation from certain Municipal employees praying that services rendered by them as Manegars and Town Hall, Mohatarfa and Cattle Pound Mutsaddies may be treated as superior for purposes of pension.

Approved.

EXTRACT FROM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE 24TH (SPECIAL) MEETING OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, MYSORE, HELD IN THE NEW MUNICIPAL OFFICE BUILDINGS ON FRIDAY, THE 20TH MARCH 1925, AT 4-30 P.M.

Members.

Present 18 | Absent 12

257. Maintenance charges of the Mysore City Water Supply Works.

The question of financing the Water Supply Works so as to ensure that the yearly maintenance charges are fully covered by the receipts, was further considered. As the Sub-Committee appointed in Resolution No. 235 had not met and submitted proposals, some of the Councillors were of opinion that the consideration of the subject should be postponed so as to give further time to the Sub-Committee to submit its report. But in view of the urgency of communicating the views of the Council to the Government in time for the preparation of the ensuing year's budget, it was decided to proceed with the discussion of the question.

Resolved that it is inexpedient in the opinion of the Council to raise the water rate, as such a measure would operate inequitably, the water rate being payable alike by owners of properties having house connections and those having no such convenience.

The Council considered that the best means of increasing receipts on account of water supply would be by the imposition of a special rate on house connections in addition to the existing general water rate and it was resolved to recommend the following scale for this purpose:—

Rs. 6 per year for water connection to buildings, the annual rental value of which is Rs. 100.

Rs. 9 per year for connection to buildings, the annual rental value of which exceeds Rs. 100, but does not exceed Rs. 200.

Rs. 12 per year for metered connection, and Rs. 20 for unmetered connection, to buildings, the annual rental value of which exceeds Rs. 200.

Owners to be at liberty to instal metres at their own cost.

Provided that in case of buildings using water for domestic purposes, the fee, paid for house connections be deducted from the charges for the use of excess water, if over a whole year such charges exceed the fee.

Resolved that the charges for electric power supplied to the water supply works at Belagola and Mysore be fixed at 45 anna per B. O. T. U. which is understood to be the lowest rate allowed by the Electrical Department to large consumers under special contract. This will reduce the working expenses by about Rs. 22,000.

The Council expect that by these measures and as the result of the general revision of Municipal taxes now in progress, the working expenses will be more or less fully met from the receipts and if any small deficit should still be left, it is hoped, the Government will not for the present object to treat the same as a grant-in-aid, in view of water supplied to Government and Palace buildings in the shape of free allowance.

N. MADHAVA RAO,
President.